

son deserted pretty little Avis Linnell, is at Pomfret, Conn., with her family.

She is guarded like an empress. No one is allowed to come near enough to speak to her. Her father has employed two nurses for her, and one of these nurses is always with her.

When first the charge of murder was preferred against Richeson by the police, Miss Edmands came out openly and boldly in his support.

He was the man she had chosen to be her wedded husband, and she would stand by him through everything. She would attend his trial, and encourage him by word and look.

But that was before all the sickening details of Richeson's connection with the little choir girl whom he had induced to come to Boston from Hyannis-by-the-Sea, where was her peaceful home.

What does Violet Edmands think since all the story of deception and betrayal has come to light?

No one save her immediate family knows.

She is not permitted to talk even to her dearest friends.

But a friend of the family is authority for the statement that Violet Edmands will seek to hide from the notoriety of the trial of her pastor lover by fleeing to Europe.

This friend says that the arrangements for Miss Edmands' trip already have been completed.

If this be so, Violet Edmands

may have given up Richeson, and all the hopes and plans of the dark-eyed courteous preacher, now being made with long thinking in his cell, will come to naught.

In any case it will mean that she is not going to keep her original promise of attending the trial.

Still, even at this day, there are ever new signs of Richeson's powers over women.

A few days ago, in response to the demand of the trustees of his church, Richeson handed in his resignation.

The men of the church were almost unanimous that this resignation be accepted.

But a meeting of the church was called for the final decision.

That meeting took place last night. The women of the church turned out to it almost in a body. They swamped the men.

And when the meeting was called to order, and Richeson's letter of resignation read, women began to weep and pray and laud the name of the imprisoned man.

Despite all the black charges against Richeson's name; despite the almost established fact that he betrayed, even if he did not slay, Avis Linnell, the girl who trusted him beyond all other men; despite the stories from Kansas City, of how Richeson has ruined women there, not a woman in that church but voted against the acceptance of Richeson's resignation.

Richeson still is pastor of the